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AMENDMENT

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of October 24, 2002 and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Hardt in view of Lloyd.

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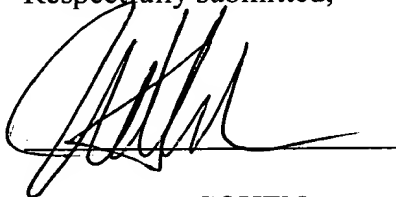
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In rejecting the claims the Examiner finds that Hardt does not disclosed a tapered structure formed from a sheet of foldable material, but considers that Lloyd discloses the use of a horn with foldable material. However, Claim 25 recites a limitation which can not be found in either Hardt or Lloyd, namely that there is formed "a first non-planar panel bound by said arcuate fold lines..." this is a crucial feature that renders Claim 25 and the claims dependent therefrom non-obvious and patentable under 35 U.S.C.

Favorable reconsideration of the application and allowance of all of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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